occurred to the pripelines compressors and other equipments, in the affected sector. The estimate of the damages is of the order of Rs. 50 crores.

(b) to (d) The Government of India has set up an Inquiry Committee on 14-11-1990 to enquire into the cause of the accident, the term of reference of the Committee are to: (i) Enquire into and ascertain the causes of the accident, (ii) examine whether the safety systems and emergency procedures established for the complex were adequate and were regularly followed, (iii) review the operating and safety systems and procedures for the Gas Cracker as a whole and suggest measures to prevent any other occurrences; and (iv) make any other suggestions that it considers appropriate in this regard.

The Committee has recently submitted an interim report which is being examined. A final and detailed report giving the Committee's conclusions is expected shortly.

Prices of Epiodrine Hcl and Sulphamethoxazole

*273. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the price of Epiodrine Hcl and Sulphamethoxazole fixed by Government under DPCO, 1987;

(b) when the price was fixed for each drug;

(c) what was the price recommended by BICP for each drug and when were the recommendations received by Government;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have reduced the prices of these drugs;

(e) if so, what was the earlier price and reduced price of each drug;

(f) what are the names of producers of these drugs and what was the production of each drug and of each producer during the last three years; yearwise; and

(g) what were the prices fixed for each formulation based on each drug after reduction and what were the earlier prices of each drug?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) The price of Ephedrine Hcl. was fixed at Rs. 1300/- per kg. w.e.f. 8-6-1990 and that of Sulphamethoxazole at Rs. 340/- per kg. w.e.f. 7-3-1991 on the basis of examination of the cost-cum-technical studies of the BICP.

(d) and (e) The Government has reduced the price of Sulphamethoxazole only from Rs. 390/- per kg. to Rs. 340/- per kg.

(f) The names of producers and the production of Ephedrine Hcl. and Sulphamethoxazole during the last three years are given in the Statement 'A'.

(g) The ceiling proces of formulations after reduction in the price of bulk drug Sulphamethoxazole are yet to be notified as BICP has been asked to under take fresh cost-cum-technical studies. The pre-revised ceiling prices of formulations are given in statement-'B'.

Statement 'A'

(Figure in MT)

S.No.	Name of the Unit	Production during the years		
		1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
1	2	3	4	5
(I)	*Ephedrine HCL.*			
	Maladi Drugs	28.60	35.50	32.27
II.	*Sulphamethoxazole*			
	1. IDPL	—	—	5.22
	2. Roche Products	32.38	69.62	37.09

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Standard Organics	391.48	733.16	831.01
4.	Uniloids	—	—	22.06
5.	Cadila Labs.	4.92	20.11	9.54
6.	Aote Amalgamation	259.22	611.77	949.63
7.	Sandoz	—	10.90	0.15

Statement 'B'

S. No.	Name of the formulation	Strength	Pack Size	Ceiling price (Rs.)
1.	Trimethoprim + Sulphamethoxazole Injection	Trimthoprim 80 mg. + Sulphamethoxazole 400/5ml	5×5ml Ampoule	9.17
2.	Trimethoprim + Sulphamethoxuzole Tablets	Trimethoprim 80 mg Sulphamethoxozole 400mg/ Tablet	10×10's Strip	65.00 (18.9.90)
3.	Trimethoprim+Sulphamethoxazole Paediatric Tablet	Trimethoprime 20mg+ Sulphamethoxazole 100mg/ Tablet	10×10's Strip	21.80 (18.9.90)
4.	Trimethoprim+Sulphamethoxazole Paediatric Suspension	Trimethoprim 40mg+ Sulphamethoxazole 200mg/5ml	50 ml Bottle	7.54 (18.9.90)
5.	Trimethoprim+Sulphemethoxazole Paediatric Suspension	Trimethoprim 40mg+ Sulphamethoxazole 200mg/5ml	100ml Bottle	12.74 (18.9.90)
6.	Trimethoprim+Sulphamethoxazole Double Strength Tablets	Trimethoprim 160mg+ Sulphamethoxazole 800mg/ Tablet	10's Strip	11.36
7.	Trimethoprim + Sulphamethoxazole Injection	Trimethoprim 16mg+ Sulphamethoxazole 80mg/ml.	1×5ml Ampoule	2.58

F-404 Engines for LCA Project

*274. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of F-404 engines ordered for the LCA project;

(b) when are they scheduled for delivery;

(c) what is the cost thereof;

(d) whether the Government of India have got a guarantee from the US Government regarding supply of spares for the entire life span of the aircraft in view of the fact that at least some of the LCA production aircraft will have F-404 engines; and

(e) if not, what steps Government propose to take to obtain such a guarantee?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Eleven numbers.

(b) The schedule for delivery of the last engine is December 91. So far five engines have been received.